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Psychiatrists to examine Mrs. Pugh

Charged in slaying of Pipines

By Jim O'Hara
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Two psychiatrists in the next few days will examine Cynthia Pugh to determine if she is mentally fit to stand trial on charges she murdered her boss, James Pipines.

Pugh, 44-year-old office manager at Central City Roofing Co., was arrested late yesterday and charged with the Feb. 24 shooting death of Pipines, 58. She was arraigned about 5 p.m. yesterday in County Court.

The arrest ended a 12-day probe into the slaying of the president of Central City and three other area companies.

The psychiatrists also will decide whether Pugh should stay in jail or be treated at Hutchings Psychiatric Center.

No bail set

County Court Judge Patrick Cunningham said during the arraignment the question of Pugh's bail will be considered when results of the mental exam are complete.

Ballistics tests showing a gun registered to Pugh's husband was the murder weapon proved to be the turning point in the investigation, officials said. That gun, a .38-caliber Derringer, was recovered Saturday near the Fayetteville mall.

Two doctors employed by the county Department of Mental Health will determine if Pugh understands the charges against her and can participate in her own defense.

Sources familiar with the procedure said such an examination deals with only the issue of the person's competency to stand trial. The matter of whether the suspect was "insane" at the time the crime occurred is not considered. That is a matter for the defense attorney if a trial is held.

Separate reports

The psychiatrists will make two or three separate visits to the jail. The experts will then file separate reports with the county mental health commissioner, who is required to turn over the findings to the court within 30 days.

If the suspect is found competent, the case may go to trial. If not, a judge may rule the person is "in-



Cynthia Pugh is escorted into the Manlius police station by village officer Richard Hodge, left, and state trooper W.L. Lefort.

The whir of the wheels of justice

The way it ended for Cynthia Pugh was in a small room at Benjamin Rush Center. She was sitting there with her husband when a group of men and a woman came in and said she was being arrested on a charge of murdering James Pipines.

She was wearing a pair of quilted slippers and her shirt tail was sticking out.

Shortly, she was on the second floor of the Onondaga County Courthouse surrounded by about 20 strangers. One of them was a judge. She still had on her multi-colored slippers. Her shirt tail was sticking out.

"On or about" were three of the words spoken in County Court Part II as the judicial system began to

Dick Case



Yesterday, while most of us probably were getting ready to eat supper, Mrs. Pugh was arraigned on charges of second-degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon. The weapon was the deringer The People will charge Mrs. Pugh used to slay her boss in his Manlius home "on or about Feb. 24."

Mrs. Pugh came into the room under the sign that says "In God We Trust." A Manlius village officer

have its way with Cynthia Pugh yesterday during the supper hour. That's how people talk in court rooms. Maybe Mrs. Pugh knew that. Maybe she didn't. Maybe she didn't hear anything that was said.

The courtroom looked like a near-empty theater for a horror movie at the Civic Center. Three of us, reporters all, sat in the front row of spectator seats. There were half a dozen cops in the back and the door was open. We could hear laughing in the hallway and the whacking of heels on those marble floors.

Mrs. Pugh came into the room under the sign that says "In God We Trust." A Manlius village officer

was holding her elbow on one side. On the other was Stan Weidman, a very tall state police investigator whose case this is. Carol Sacco, an investigator in the district attorney's office, came in too. She helped fetch Mrs. Pugh from Benjamin Rush, where she had been a patient since the day of the Pipines funeral when she took an overdose of sedatives.

Looks down from bench

The judge, P.J. Cunningham, looked down from the bench. The stenographer, who was wearing a

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2 new stores, company's expansion to add 425 jobs

By Joseph A. Porcello
Business Editor

Openings of two new department stores and expansion of a photographic processing company will provide about 425 new jobs in the Syracuse area, most of them this year.

Hills Department Stores today announced definite plans for a third store in Penn Can Mall, Cicero, which will open in the fall.

The company this week also is interviewing applicants for its second store which is opening soon in Camillus Plaza.

Each of those stores will create about 150 jobs in sales ticketing, stock, layaway, clerical and security.

Carhart Photo Inc. today announced plans to expand its photo-finishing capacity in Syracuse by purchasing a building and 3.1 acres of land at 1 Commerce Drive, near

Liverpool. The expansion will add about 125 more jobs at the company, doubling its employee force locally to about 250 person within three years, according to Max Jenkins, president of the Rochester-based firm.

Hills opened its first area store in DeWitt last October. That store is in Hills Plaza (formerly called Wide-waters Plaza), which also has Sugarman's, an appliance-entertainment equipment store, which

opened about two years ago, and the new National Clothing Co. (men's and youths' clothing), and a Hart, Shafner & Marx factory outlet, which opened last week. All three are new companies to the Syracuse area.

Interviewing for the jobs at Hills' Camillus Plaza store began yesterday and are to continue through Friday, the company announced in a Monday advertisement in the Syracuse Newspapers.

Interviews are being held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the old Marianne Shop in Camillus Plaza. Employees will be hired as openings occur and the store opening nears. All 150 are expected to be hired when the store opens, probably next month.

Construction is to start soon on the Penn Can store, which will have about 80,000 square feet (nearly two acres), according to Eagan Real Estate, managing and leasing agents for Penn Can Mall.

Nurses sending their toenails to Harvard

By Karen Cain
Staff Writer

After lots of hard work and saving, some lucky parents can send their son or daughter to Harvard.

But without much toil, Syracuse registered nurse Marilyn Baader has done them one better.

A couple of months ago, she sent her toenail clippings to the Harvard School of Public Health.

The 10 slivers of nail are expected to do their part in the fight against cancer.

Baader is one of 100,000 female nurses around the United States participating in a study to determine whether people's day-to-day intake of an obscure trace element called selenium can affect their chances of developing cancer.

Since selenium is such a tiny part of our diet, doctors usually have trouble figuring out how much of it people are getting. Investigators at Harvard found that the level in the nails seems to be an accurate reflection of the amount absorbed by the body.

Although other researchers have analyzed toenail clippings before, Harvard's Dr. Walter Willett noted that "nobody has ever used it for this sort of large-scale application."

So far, the doctors have received 50,000 sets of toenails. They are still coming in, sometimes at a rate of 1,000 sets a day. If all 100,000 nurses enrolled in the study send in their clippings, the total toenail count should approach one million.

Baader, a vice president at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital, said she was told to send 10 clippings "or as close to 10 as you could get."

"They wanted me to send them one clipping from each toenail and put them all in a little mailing envelope they send you," she explained.

At the time, the request didn't seem too unusual because a scientific explanation was offered. "There are a lot of things we don't know about our bodies. What may seem strange now may provide valuable information in the future," she said.

But the letter did seem strange to Syracusean Patty Kneale, who has been participating in the Harvard study for several years.

"Just the way 't was worded ... it was so silly it sounded like a joke," said the Onondaga Central School nurse. "But what did I have to lose? Just my toenails."

The present investigation of the connection between selenium and cancer was prompted by animal studies showing that the cancer rate appears to be higher when the diet contains smaller than usual amounts of selenium.

"The mechanism is not totally clear, but that's secondary to whether or not it works," said Willett. "We'll worry about the mechanism later."

By looking at nail clippings from people living in different geographic areas, researchers already have found that nails from South Dakota (where selenium is common in the soil) contain more selenium than those from New Zealand (where selenium is scarce).



Briefly:

Rain or snow

Rain, possibly mixed with snow is in store for tonight, according to the National Weather Service at Hancock Airport.

The low tonight will be near 32 degrees and the high tomorrow, 40 to 45.

It will be cloudy tomorrow with occasional rain. The high will be 40 to 45.

SYRACUSE TEMPERATURES In Fahrenheit (and Celsius)			
1 a.m.	37 (3)	7 a.m.	36 (2)
2 a.m.	37 (3)	8 a.m.	36 (2)
3 a.m.	36 (2)	9 a.m.	37 (3)
4 a.m.	36 (2)	10 a.m.	39 (4)
5 a.m.	36 (2)	11 a.m.	40 (4)
6 a.m.	37 (3)	12 noon	41 (5)

(To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius, subtract 32 degrees and multiply by 5. Then divide by 9. To convert Celsius to Fahrenheit, multiply by 9, divide by 5 and add 32 degrees.)

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Turkish envoy shot

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Two gunmen ambushed the Turkish ambassador's limousine on a busy street in downtown Belgrade today, critically wounding the ambassador, his driver and several bystanders, officials said.

Ambassador Galip Balkar, 47, was rushed to the hospital for emergency brain surgery after gunmen opened fire on his black Mercedes while it was stopped at an intersection near the Yugoslav parliament building.

Carter stirs protest

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Violent demonstrations broke out in the West Bank and in the Arab sector of Jerusalem today when Palestinians took to the streets to protest the visit of former President Jimmy Carter.

Although he was delayed by a half-hour, Carter arrived in Bethlehem for a meeting with the city's Arab mayor, Elias Freij, a Palestinian moderate.

Crash kills student

HOUSTON (AP) — An 18-wheel truck crashed into a school bus and a car today, killing one girl and injuring at least five other students, authorities said.

Lottery winners

ALBANY (AP) — The winning number picked last night in the state's daily numbers game was 837.

The Win Four number was 3387.

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An inferiority complex could be a blessing if the right people had it.

